In the claims:

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are presented below with changes shown in accordance with the mandatory amendment format.

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

    providing a digital assistant having an event detector and an agent selector;

    receiving by the event detector information of an event from an information provider;

    determining by the event detector a level of importance of the event relative to a user of the digital assistant;

    weighing by the agent selector the level of importance against an intrusion to the user if the digital assistant handles the event itself, wherein the intrusion to the user is determined by rules specified by the user;

    handling by the digital assistant the event without contacting the user if the level of importance of the event is greater than or equal to a first threshold and less than or equal to a second threshold, the handling including the digital assistant responding to an originator of the event in lieu of the user; and

    contacting by the digital assistant the user in order for the user to resolve the event if the level of importance is greater than the second threshold.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the level of importance of the event comprises comparing the subject of the event to a list of subjects of interest to the user.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the level of importance of the event comprises referring to information concerning the timing of activities in which at least one person is engaged or will be engaged provided by a calendar.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the level of importance of the event comprises referring to information concerning the location of activities in which at least one person is engaged or will be engaged provided by a calendar.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the level of importance of the event comprises referring to information concerning the location of